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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SIGNING SCENARIO FOR MFN TRADE AGREEMENT

REF: BUDAPEST 761

1. WE WERE PLEASED TO LEARN (REFTTEL) OF GOH WILLINGNESS  
TO HAVE NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TRADE AGREEMENT  
TAKE PLACE HERE. WE REGRET THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO  
WORK IT OUT FOR A RESUMPTION IN BUDAPEST, BUT WE LOOK FOR-  
WARD TO HAVING YOU RETURN HERE FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS AND FOR  
SOME FURTHER CONSULTATION WORK YOU CAN DO WITH KEY PEOPLE  
ON THE HILL AND ALSO WITH LEADERS OF AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANI-  
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ZATIONS. ON LATTER, FOR EXAMPLE, WE WOULD HOPE THAT YOU  
COULD TALK TO RABBI ALEXANDER SCHINDLER, PRESIDENT OF THE  
CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF MAJOR JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS,  
AND CONFIRM OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE POSITIVE SITUATION REGARD-  
ING JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM HUNGARY. (PREPARING THE GROUND  
WITH THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY IS A COURSE WHICH PHILIP  
KLUTZNICK, WHO AS YOU KNOW IS PERSONALLY SUPPORTIVE OF MFN

FOR HUNGARY, RECOMMENDED RECENTLY TO DAS LUERS. MEMCON  
POUCHED TO BUDAPEST.)

2. WITH THE UNEXPECTEDLY GOOD PROGRESS MADE DURING THE  
FIRST ROUND, OUR ESTIMATE AT THIS POINT IS THAT WE SHOULD  
BE ABLE TO WRAP UP THE TRADE AGREEMENT SUCCESSFULLY BY THE  
END OF THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27. THE TOUGH POLITICAL  
ISSUES FOR THE HUNGARIANS APPARENTLY HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE  
OF DURING THE FIRST ROUND -- ASSUMING THERE IS NO SUBSE-  
QUENT BACKSLIDING ON THEIR PART, AND WHAT REMAINS TO BE  
RESOLVED ARE MOSTLY A SERIES OF TECHNICAL ISSUES.

3. ASSUMING WE HAVE AN INITIALLED TEXT BY ABOUT MARCH 4,  
WE WILL THEN WANT TO MOVE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO SIGN  
THE AGREEMENT AND SUBMIT IT TO THE CONGRESS, KEEPING AS  
CLOSE AS WE CAN TO VANIK'S MID-MARCH TARGET DATE. OUR  
CONCLUSION IN THE DEPARTMENT, SUBJECT TO YOUR VIEWS, OF  
COURSE, IS THAT IT WOULD BE BEST FROM ALL STANDPOINTS TO  
HAVE THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY YOU AND FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER  
BIRO IN BUDAPEST. THEREFORE, WE HAVE IN MIND THE FOLLOWING  
SCENARIO: COMPARISON AND REVIEW OF HUNGARIAN AND ENGLISH  
TEXTS AND OTHER PREPARATORY WORK DURING FIRST PART OF  
WEEK OF MARCH 6 (WHILE YOU DO SPADE WORK ON THE HILL),  
FOLLOWED BY YOUR RETURN TO BUDAPEST AND SIGNING OF THE  
AGREEMENT ON/ABOUT MARCH 10, OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS  
POSSIBLE. WE WOULD THEN GO FOR SPEEDY HANDLING BY THE  
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WHITE HOUSE AND SUBMISSION TO THE CONGRESS BY AS CLOSE TO  
MID-MARCH AS WE COULD MAKE IT.

4. WE HAVE NOT YET REVIEWED ALL OF THIS THINKING WITH  
COMMERCE, BUT BELIEVE THEY WILL CONCUR. WE WOULD APPRE-  
CIATE YOUR VIEWS. VANCE

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